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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.113, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An Englishlanguage counterpart of the foreign-language document has been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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